

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Health Medical & Family Welfare Department – Disciplinary action against Dr. P.S. Gopal, Medical Officer formerly at Chowduvada, Visakhapatnam and at present doing P.G. in M.D. (Pharmacology) at Rangaraya Medical College, Kakinada - Penalty of withholding of two annual grade increments with cumulative effect – Awarded – Orders – Issued.

HEALTH, MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE (VC-1) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms. No. 169

Dated:21-07-2010

Read the following:-

- 1) Charge Memo. No. 890/E2A/99, dated 02.07.1999 of the Director of Health, A.P., Hyderabad.
- 2) Explanation of Dr. P.S. Gopal, Medical Officer, PHC, Makavarapalam, dated 29.12.1999.
- 3) Government Memo. No. 18197/H1/98-6, Health Medical & Family Welfare (VC.I) Department, dated 18.07.2000.
- 4) From the Inquiring Authority, Inquiry Report in Rc. No. 1998/A2/2002, dated 01.06.2004.
- 5) Government Memo. No. 18197/VC.I(1)/98-16, Health Medical & Family Welfare Department, dated 31.05.2005.
- 6) From Dr. P.S. Gopal, Civil Assistant Surgeon, Government General Hospital, Kakinada, explanation, dated 09.08.2006.
- 7) From the Director of Health, A.P., Hyderabad, Letter Rc. No. 890/VC.IA/99 dated 29.05.2010.
- 8) Letter No. 18197/VC.I(1)/98, Health Medical & Family Welfare (VC.I) Department, dated 15.06.2010.
- 9) From the Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Hyderabad, Letter No. 300/RT-I/3/07, dated 13.07.2010.

ORDER:

In the reference first read above, departmental action under rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 has been initiated against Dr. P.S. Gopal, the then Medical Officer, PHC, Chowdavada, Visakhapatnam district for keeping stock of 50,000 Iron Folic Acid tablets of 0.5 mg. and 2,88,000 of Iron Folic Acid 0.1 mg. tablets in the PHC, without distributing them to the needy public till its date of expiry and thereby showing negligence and caused loss to the Government, for not staying at his bonafied headquarters etc., and articles of charge have been framed and communicated to him for submitting his defence statement against them. In the reference second read above, the Charged Officer has submitted his written statement of defence, denying the charges. Therefore, a regular inquiry was ordered into the articles of charge against Dr. P.S. Gopal. In the reference fourth read above, the Inquiring Authority has submitted the findings holding that out of four charges three were proved against him. The findings of Inquiring Authority were accepted and in the reference fifth read above, while enclosing a copy of the Inquiry Report, a show cause notice was issued to Dr. P.S. Gopal, Medical Officer, to submit his explanation, if any, to the findings of the Inquiring Authority. In the reference sixth read above, Dr. P.S. Gopal, Medical Officer has reiterated his earlier statement submitted against the articles of charge, that the stock of Iron Folic Acid tables were not supplied by the DM & HO, Visakhapatnam during his tenure at the PHC, Chowdavada, that at the time of assuming charge as Medical Officer of the PHC, he found the balance of IFA tabs as nil and that the IFA tablets were expired before his joining as M.O. at that PHC. He has requested to drop further action, as he was not responsible for the said lapse. The explanation of the Delinquent Officer was examined in the light of the findings of the Inquiring Authority and found that the same is not convincing for the reason that he assumed

charge as Medical Officer, PHC, Chowdavada on 06.09.1996 and according to stock register, IFA 0.5 mg. tables were last distributed on 01.01.1997 and the stocks were exhausted only on 01.01.1997 and that as on the date of joining of Dr. P.S.Gopal as Medical Officer at PHC, Chowdavada, there were sufficient stocks of IFA tablets of 0.5 mg. Their date of expiry was April, 1997 Batch No. 95435. the IFA tablets 0.1 mg. were last distributed during 8/97 only. Hence, the explanation of the Delinquent Officer is not convincing. Therefore Government have provisionally decided to award a penalty of withholding of two annual grade increments against Dr. P.S. Gopal, former Medical Officer, PHC, Chowdavada and in the reference eighth read above, the A.P. Public Service Commission has been addressed for its concurrence of the provisional decision taken by the Government. In the reference ninth read above, the Secretary, A.P.Public Service Commission has stated that after careful examination of the disciplinary case in the light of the records made available, Commission agree with the proposal of the Government to impose penalty of stoppage of two increments with cumulative effect against Dr. P.S. Gopal, Medical Officer and advised accordingly.

2. Under Rule 9 (vi) of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991, Government hereby award the penalty of withholding of two increments with cumulative effect against Dr. P.S. Gopal, former Medical Officer, PHC, Chowdavada, Visakhapatnam and at present doing his P.G. in M.D. (Pharmacology) at Rangaraya Medical College, Kakinada.

3. The Director of Health, A.P. shall take further action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.P.V.RAMESH
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Dr. P.S. Gopal, Medical Officer
(Doing P.G. in M.D. (Pharmacology at Rangaraya Medical College, Kakinada)
(through the Director of Health, A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Health, A.P., Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The Principal, Rangaraya Medical College, KAKINADA.
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Hyderabad
(w.r.t. Rc. No. 153/DES-WVP/97, Dated 27.5.1998)
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner,
A.P. Vigilance Commission, Secretariat.
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//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER